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GIRL SCOUTS BEHIND BARS
AT MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN

***ACTRESS/DANCER MARIA BROOM PERFORMS WITH SCOUTS
AND THEIR INCARCERATED MOTHERS***

TOWSON, MD (March 6, 2006)---Well-respected actress/dancer and former television reporter and anchor Maria Broom took her talents to prison this past weekend for a special session of *Girl Scouts Behind Bars* at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women in Jessup.

The Girl Scout program, initiated in Maryland 12 years ago and now a national model, is one of many special enrichment activities within the Maryland Division of Correction designed to help strengthen the bond between incarcerated mothers and their children. The local Girl Scouts Behind Bars program is run by former Maryland Division of Correction Administrator Margaret Chippendale, who supervised the state pre-release center for women before recently retiring.

Maryland Correctional Institution for Women, the state's only women's prison, currently houses approximately 800 women inmates. It is located at 7943 Brock Bridge Road, just off Md. 295 (B-W Parkway) and Maryland route 175 in Jessup, Anne Arundel County.

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